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SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: EUROPEAN SOCIALIST SUMMIT

REF: OPORTO 0107 (DTG 141645Z MAR 76)

1. SUMMIT AND COMMUNIQUE: OPORTO MEETING OF EUROPEAN SOCIALIST  
LEADERS ENDED MAR 14 WITH FINAL DAY DEVOTED TO CLOSED BUSINESS  
SESSIONS AT SEASIDE RESORT HOTEL AND PRESS CONFERENCE IN DOWNTOWN  
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OPORTO. SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) ORGANIZATION AND SECURITY WERE

IMPRESSIVE. NO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED WITH CROWDS OF PS SUPPORTERS LINING THE ROADS BETWEEN HOTEL AND OPORTO. ORGANIZATION BECAME SLIGHTLY UNRAVELED DURING PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH TOOK PLACE SEVERAL HOURS LATE IN UNHEATED OPORTO STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING AND ATTENDED ONLY BY CORRESPONDENTS ACCREDITED BY PS. AS HEAD OF COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL, WEST GERMANY'S BRANDT READ COMMUNIQUE PLEDGING INTER ALIA SOLIDARITY WITH PS AND MARIO SOARES, EUROPEAN COOPERATION WITH DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN PORTUGAL AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO AID PORTUGAL IN RESOLVING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

2. PRESS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS: BRANDT SIDESTEPED QUESTION WHETHER CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN. HE REPLIED THAT PART OF MAR 14 BUSINESS AGENDA WAS DEVOTED TO GENERAL DISCUSSION OF SPANISH EVENTS "WHICH ARE DEVELOPING IN CIRCUMSTANCES DIFFERENT FROM PORTUGAL." BRANDT ALSO EMPHASIZED INTEREST IN PROMOTING TOURISM IN PORTUGAL AND PORTUGUESE FOREIGN TRADE. SOARES INDICATED THAT PS-SPONSORED PROPOSAL FOR SOUTHERN EUROPEAN SOCIALIST/COMMUNIST CONFERENCE WAS A DEAD ISSUE AT THIS TIME AND THAT PS ALLIANCE WITH PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS (PCP) WAS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF FAILURE BY PCP TO PROVIDE GUARANTEES OF DEMOCRATIC BEHAVIOUR. SOARES CRITICIZED PPD FOR ACTING LIKE RIGHT-WING CONSERVATIVE PARTY WHICH IS NOT IN SAME SOCIALISTIC DEMOCRATIC FAMILY AS PARTICIPANTS IN OPORTO MEETING.

3. SUMMIT ASSESSMENT: SOCIALIST SUMMIT ENDED ON SLIGHTLY ANTI-CLIMATIC NOTE. LOCAL SOURCES CONSIDER COMMUNIQUE BLAND TO THE POINT OF BEING MEANINGLESS. COMMENTS TO THE PRESS CONCERNING AID WERE COUCHED IN MOST GENERAL OF TERMS WITH NO SPECIFICS. IT WOULD ALSO APPEAR THAT SOCIALIST SUMMIT CONTRIBUTED LITTLE IN ESTABLISHING COMMON STRATEGY FOR FURTHER ACTION IN EUROPE. HOWEVER, OPORTO MEETING WAS POLITICAL COUP FOR PS AND MARIO SOARES AND BOOSTED SOCIALISTS' STANDING IN THE NORTH. DESPITE SOME COMPLAINTS, PS ORGANIZATION FAR EXCEEDED LOCAL EXPECTATIONS. PORTUGUESE WHO SUFFER SMALL COUNTRY INFERIORITY COMPLEX WERE EMPRESSED WITH DRAMATIC SHOWING OF INTERNATIONAL CREDENTIALS OF SOARES. IN CONTRAST, PPD LEADER SA CARNEIRO CAME OFF A POOR SECOND AND IS GETTING MOST OF THE BLAME FOR CONTRIBUTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BREAKDOWN IN FRIENDLY SPIRIT OF RIVALRY WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY EXISTED BETWEEN LOCAL PS AND PPD MILITANTS. PENNER

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